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SUBJECT: REUTERS PRESS REPORT RE LEOPARD TANKS

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1. WE UNDERSTAND FROM SEVERAL SOURCES THAT GOI IS INTERESTED IN ACQUIRING FACTORY FOR MANUFACTURE OF LEOPARD TANK ENGINES WHICH WOULD BE RETROFITTED IN IRNIAN TANKS WHEN THEIR PRESENT ENGINES REQUIRE REPLACEMENT. THERE HAVE BEEN RUMORS THAT IRAN WOULD ALSO BUY LEOPARD TANKS, BUT THIS STORY HAS BEEN DENIED BY COMPETENT AUTHORITIES.

2. RETIRED GERMAN GENERAL LEADING FOUR-MAN TEM IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN FEBRUARY TO PROVIDE ADVISORY SERVICES TO GENERAL TOUFANIAN'S MILITARY INDUSTRIES ORGANIZATION (MIO). TEAM WILL BE CONCERNED WITH IMPROVING INTERNAL MANAGEMENT OF ENTERPRISES WHICH ORIGINALLY WERE ESTABLISHED WITH GERMAN AID. AS ARMISH/MAAG HAS NO ADVISORY ROLE AT MIO, WE CONSIDER GERMAN PRESENCE COMPLEMENTARY TO OUR EFFORTS TO STRENGTHEN IRANIAN MILITARY PERFORMANCE.

3. SEE ALSO USDAO REPORT IR-6-846-0007-74 OF JAN 15, 1974.

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